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## EDITORIALS†

### GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

The December issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE will be in the mails some weeks in advance of the Christmas and New Year's season. In anticipation, however, the OFFICIAL JOURNAL welcomes the opportunity of extending its heartiest felicitations for the approaching holidays to all members of the California Medical Association. If, perhaps, the monetary rewards for services have not been as great as in more prosperous years, physicians have at least the satisfaction of knowing that much of their work has made the lot of many beings more livable; and that thought, alone, should bring gladness to the heart.

The healing-art guild is truly a noble one, and its faithful disciples are fortunate in being able to render that peculiar aid which makes the world, for a host of persons, a far brighter and more attractive place.

May the physicians of California, therefore, in the year to come, be recipients of the kindest thoughts and expressions from grateful patients, and may they also ever be animated by an earnest desire to move forward, shoulder to shoulder, in meeting the problems which confront both scientific medicine and modern day civilization. To all, then, a Merry Christmas! and a Happy New Year!

### PROPOSED VOLUNTARY MEDICAL SERVICE PLAN

**Special Session of California Medical Association's House of Delegates Called for December 17.**—What may become an item of major historical moment in the annals of the California Medical Association is the action taken by its Council, at a meeting on November 12, in authorizing the call for a special session of the Association's House of Delegates, to be held in Los Angeles on Saturday, December 17. At that time there will be presented for consideration a report from the Council, outlining the basic principles for a plan of voluntary medical and hospitalization service, designed to permit citizens, belonging to certain income bracket groups, to avail themselves

† Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comment column which follows.